



**Los Angeles County Certified Unified Program Agency  
Health Hazardous Materials Division**



# **SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR TRAINING**

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This fact sheet summarizes the regulatory training requirements for small quantity generators of hazardous waste.

## **SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR**

A business is a small quantity generator (SQG) if the business generates (in any calendar month) between 100 and 1,000 kilograms (220 and 2,200 pounds) of hazardous waste and accumulates no more than 6,000 kilograms of hazardous waste onsite at any time. Businesses who are SQGs are required to comply with the training requirements listed below. A business that is either a non-generator or a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) is not required to comply with the hazardous waste generator requirements. A CESQG generates no more than 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of hazardous waste in a month.

## **SQG TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Small quantity generators must train their employees and retain the training records.

### **Personnel Training**

All employees must be thoroughly familiar with proper waste handling and emergency procedures relevant to their responsibilities during normal facility operations and emergencies.

### **Retention of Training Records**

Hazardous waste management training records on current personnel must be kept until closure of the facility. Records on former employees must be kept for at least three years from the date the employee last worked at the facility.

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING PROGRAM**

Many SQGs handle reportable quantities of hazardous materials. The State hazardous materials threshold reporting quantities are 55 gallons for hazardous liquids, 500 pounds for hazardous solids, and 200 cubic feet for compressed gases. Businesses that handle reportable quantities of hazardous materials are required to provide hazardous materials handler training to their employees. The minimum requirements for a training program include the following:

- Methods for safe handling of hazardous materials.
- Procedures for coordination with the local emergency response organizations.
- Training in the use of emergency response equipment and supplies under the control of the handler.
- Training in the emergency response plan and procedures listed in the facility's hazardous materials business plan.

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**NOTE:** This fact sheet is a summary of the laws and regulations pertaining to this subject. It is intended for informational purposes only and may not encompass all the laws and regulations to this topic. More details may be found at Cal/EPA Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). If further information is needed, call the County of Los Angeles CUPA at (323) 890-4045, or your local district office.

### **References**

- Code of Federal Regulations 265.34(d)(5)(iii)
- California Health and Safety Code 25503, 25504(c)
- 19 California Code of Regulations 2732
- 22 California Code of Regulations 66265.16(e)